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AMENDED MINUTES

Augustana College
Rock Island, IL

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 15, 2017 Olin 304

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Members Present: Mike Egan (Chair), Rob Elflin, Pam Trotter, Kelvin Mason, Jeff Ratliff-Crain (XO), Jeff Renaud, Mamata Marmé, Chris Strunk, Rachel Weiss, Gillian Lederman, Xiaowen Zhang, Jamie Nordling.

Members Absent: SGA members Luke Stoefer and Vanessa Beck; Eric Stewart

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library

I. Minutes

Motion – Rachel Weiss moved “**to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting as submitted.**” Kelvin Mason seconded.

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2017 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.

Ann Miller will file the approved minutes with Mary Koski in Academic Affairs.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda items were reviewed by the members of the committee. Items can be pulled from this agenda with a single person requesting a discussion; items need 5 affirmative votes and no Discussion votes to remain on the consent agenda. After reviewing, **G – HIST 123 (Hammond) and LC GEOL 116 and ENVR 380 (Reisner & Wolf) were approved** via the consent agenda; PP – HIST 123 (Hammond) was pulled for more in-depth discussion.

2. Course Approvals

a. PP – HIST 123 (Hammond)

After a discussion of the committee’s concerns that were expressed on the consent agenda, it was agreed that this course should be tabled until Mike Egan can reach out to Professor Hammond to address the committee’s apprehensions and make constructive suggestions

regarding this course proposal.

Motion to table the PP designation for HIST 123 (Hammond): Chris Strunk; Jamie Nordling seconded.

MOTION PASSED TO TABLE the PP designation for HIST 123 (Hammond).

III. Revising Gen Ed Curricular Proposal

This item continues to be a difficult work-in-progress. Further discussion points were pulled from the existing proposal materials located in the Google Drive folder.

Items included input from Admissions regarding the 2nd Language Requirement, the response to this input from World Languages, and some Institutional Research input from Mark Salisbury. Ultimately, the Committee agreed that Augustana's 2nd Language Requirement should be satisfied via a level of proficiency in the language that is equivalent to one full year (or two semesters) of 100-level college coursework. That is, Augustana's existing "seat time provision" that allows for 4 years of high school work in a given language to count for the 2nd Language Requirement should cease after the semester conversion. Under our proposal, students may still test out of the 2nd Language sequence, but high school course taking alone will not automatically fulfill this requirement. We also agreed that WLLC faculty will need to work closely with Administration to ensure that this requirement is cost neutral to the College. The Committee held a formal vote on this particular recommendation for the 2nd Language requirement, and the vote passed unanimously.

After additional deliberation and language revisions voted on by the committee, Mike pulled together a revised cohesive draft of the Gen Ed Curricular Proposal. The proposal will now be presented to the Faculty.

VI. Announcements/Other Business

No other announcements or business was presented at this time.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Miller